

Transfiguration Sunday

February 27, 2022

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Holy Is the Lord with Holy, Holy, Holy

The Prelude

Chris Tomlin, Louie Giglio
NICEA, arr. Heather Sorenson

WE APPROACH OUR GOD

The Welcome

*The Hymn of Praise

Beautiful Savior

Gesangbuch, Münster tr. Joseph A. Seiss
ST. ELIZABETH, *Schleissche Volkslieder*

*The Call to Worship

Based on Psalm 99

Leader 1: God, our Father, only You are God.

People: You are holy, You are our King.

Leader 2: You are worthy of our praise.

People: Give us ears to hear as You speak to us:

Leader 1: Sometimes You speak to us directly through Your Word,

People: Other times You speak through Your creation,

Leader 2: There are times You speak to us through the melody of a song,

People: At times You speak to us through the encouragement of a friend,

Leader 1: Thank You, Lord! Now we bless You and worship You today.

People: PRAISE THE LORD!

*The Song of Praise

That's Why We Praise Him

Tommy Walker

The Confession of Our Sins

Leader 1: There are many people and events we want to honor because of their role in teaching us about God.

People: There are also many people and events in the Bible that have taught us about God.

Leader 2: Sometimes we hold these people and events so high that we place them in a higher position than we place God.

The Words of Assurance

Leader 1: God gives each one of us a great number of witnesses to His glory and greatness.

People: God could even speak to us in a voice from a cloud as He did in Luke 9:35;

“This is my Son, my Chosen, listen to Him!”

Leader 2: We are astounded at the greatness of God!

The Song of Praise

A Thousand Hallelujahs

Brooke Ligertwood, Scott Ligertwood, Phil Wickham

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

The Prayer for Illumination

The Scripture Lessons

Exodus 34:29-35; Luke 9:28-36

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

The Message

“The Tale of Two Testaments”

The Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GOODNESS

The Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory Song

Living Hope

Phil Wickham, Brian Johnson

(Please sign and pass the Friendship Register.)

The Mission Update

Rev. George Grevenstuk

The News of the Church Alive

*The Sending Forth

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Graham Kendrick

*The Benediction

*The Postlude

In Thee Is Gladness

Johann Sebastian Bach

*All who are able, please stand

Worship Leaders: Preaching –Pastor Bud Pratt; Liturgists – Jon Hull, Tyler Holleman; Organist – Patty Pratt; Duet – Rachael & Hannah Barone; Praise team

Please follow our church social media pages:

Instagram: frcgrandville

Facebook: First Reformed Church

Stewardship Update:

February 20 Collection Plate	\$ 9,594.00
Online Giving:	\$ 6,514.00
Total Offering:	\$ 16,108.00

Average weekly offering needed to make 2022 budget	\$ 18,258.00
2022 Annual budget	\$949,429.00

Text to Give - 616-208-4301

A Reminder from the Deacons:

Members who have picked up their 2022 offering envelopes may have noticed that there is an envelope included for Reformed Church in America assessments. Each year, our church pays approximately \$100 per confessing member to the denomination in assessments. If you would like to help our congregation offset these costs, your gifts are welcome at any time using that envelope. Thank you for your continued support.

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

Sunday Children's Programming Schedule:

3rd, 4th and 5th Sunday of the month:

Nursery ages - can be dropped off in the nursery when you arrive & picked up after the worship service.

Ages 3 years – Kindergarten can be dropped off in room #113 South when you arrive and picked up after the worship service.

1st Grade-5th Grade can be dropped off in the downstairs Assembly Room AFTER the worship service & picked up at 11:30 am

Middle School (6th - 8th grades) & **High School** (9th - 12th grades) **Sunday School** meets in the Youth Lounge following worship. Donuts provided.

Middle School youth group meets on Sundays from 4:00pm - 5:30pm in the Youth gym.

High School youth group meets on Sundays from 6:30pm - 8:00pm in the Youth gym.

On March 13 the **Middle School & High School youth group** will be playing mini-golf at church during youth group.

YOUTH HAPPENINGS

Young Life (9th-12th grade) – meets Monday, February 28, at 7:27pm at Lipscomb's house - 326 Maynard Ave. SW, Walker.

Questions? Contact Jon Hull at jon@firstgrandville.org or 517-803-5686.

WyldLife (7th-8th grade) – Meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month in the Family Life Center. Contact Paige Corfixsen – 616-710-0865 or Emma Kukla – 616-666-4811 with questions.

Youth Mission Trip fundraisers:

- **Pop can drive** - There will be a labeled trash can in the Youth Lounge all year for you to drop off your empty cans.

Maple Tree Preschool Registration - Preschool registration for 2022-2023 has begun! If you know of a family looking for a preschool, please have them check out www.mapletreepreschool.org and [Maple Tree Preschool's Facebook page](#).

College Scholarships: Scholarship forms are available in the office (on the shelf under the mailboxes) or online. These are for anyone who is a member of church and going to college in Fall 2022. They are due in the office no later than **Friday, April 8, at noon.**

OTHER HAPPENINGS

Nominations for 2022 Consistory – We've begun the nominating process for four elders and four deacons. There is a nominating ballot on the table in the narthex. Please pick up a form and offer your suggestion of persons you feel have the servant leadership skills to serve in one of these positions. Please pray for the people you suggest to the committee. Once you have completed your form please place it in the nominations box, which will be available March 6, in the Narthex or give it to a member of the Nominations Committee: Mike Cline, Mary Cook, Vicky Hawken, Doug Timmer, Nicole Clark, Kelly Kievit, Tim Kooima, Abby Kleinheksel

Anna Circle – meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 9:30am – 11:00am in the upstairs small adult ed room. We are studying the book *No Offense* by Craig Groeschel.

Esther Circle – meets this Tuesday, March 1. We will be studying lesson 4.

Women in the Word – meets Wednesday mornings at 9:30am in the upstairs adult ed room. The study for this week includes pages 308-318. Questions? Call Marilyn Stelma – 616-450-6008

Men's Bible Study meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 2:30 PM. We meet at Marge's Donut Den, 1751 28th St., Wyoming, MI. Our leaders are David Bast and Mark Davis. All are welcome!

Bells of Joy – Tuesdays, 6:30pm

Chancel Choir – Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:00pm

FOCUS – Wednesday, March 2 – Pork chop dinner begins at 5:30 PM. Covid protocols are in place. Reserve time following our FOCUS night dinner to gather in the Sanctuary for a brief service to welcome in the season of Lent. This will include time for reflection and family activities to prepare our hearts for the passion of our Lord. Our Lenten theme for 2022 is "**Living Differently**" and we will consider how our lives have been changed by the sacrifice of Christ, and how that change continues as we mature in Christ. Chancel choir & Kids choir will meet from 7:00-8:00pm. Chancel choir in the music room and Kids choir in the Kids choir room.

LOOKING AHEAD

All Church Mini-Golf Event - March 12 from 12:00pm – 7:00pm. Sign-up for a start time by going to the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0944ABA82BA0F49-inside1>

We need volunteers to help make this Mini-Golf Event successful!

- Truck and trailer along with muscles to help move the mini-golf supplies to and from church. Pick up the supplies on Thursday, March 10 and return the supplies Monday, March 14 or Tuesday, March 15.
- Volunteers to greet people as they arrive and hand out the golf clubs, score cards, and pencils. You can volunteer for a few hours or several hours!
- Volunteers to help set up the course on March 10 & 11. Volunteers to help tear down the course after youth group on March 13 or March 14.

If you are able to help in any way, you can sign up at the sign up center or contact Lynne Rosema (tlrosema@sbcglobal.net), Jeff Watson or Jon Hull.

Memorial Easter Plants – We will purchase potted spring flowers to decorate the church for our Easter worship celebration. You are welcome to donate a \$15 spring plant in memory of a relative or friend or in thanksgiving for a friend or relative. Their name will be listed in the Easter worship bulletin. There are forms available at the Sign Up Center, Welcome Desk and the Office to fill out and submit to the office along with \$15 per plant by March 27. After the Easter service, please take your plant home.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE

Hand2hand – We are taking non-perishable food donations for hand2hand. These items need to be in individual packets. Items needed are: popcorn packets, trail mix, pudding snack packs, granola bars, fruit snacks, applesauce/fruit cups, crackers, pretzels, goldfish crackers, any bagged snack, meat sticks, instant cereal, instant mac n cheese, soup, chocolate ready to go protein milk from Costco (Fairlife). There is a box in the narthex to place your donations. Thank you!

Food pantry needs – Pancake mix and syrup, canned meats, cake mix and frosting, muffin mix, and spaghetti sauce. You may drop these items off in the grocery cart located in the Activity Center.

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH PRAYERS & CONCERNS

For prayer updates during the week, please call the **Prayer Line** – 534-0113

We extend prayers of healing & comfort for:

- **Vonda Style**, recovering from surgery to remove a tumor from her hand.
- **Ted Wierenga**, at home under the care of hospice.
- **Marcia Brinks**, at home recovering from hip replacement last week.
- **Misty Holwerda**, enduring a difficult chemo regimen.
- **Jackson Pratt**, age 27, (Bud and Patty's nephew) recovering from brain surgery (tumor is benign) and awaiting a second surgery.
- **Chuck Duimstra and his family**, as he faces ongoing and declining health issues.
- Pray for anyone affected in any way by **the Corona virus**.
- **Continued prayers for: Fran Rinkus, Lois Morehouse, Kay Mekkes, Roy DeJonge, Don Alderink, Karin Dykstra, Curt Stoel, Erica Obi.**

Congratulations to:

- **Ryan & Kyleigh Elenbaas**, at the birth of a baby boy, Baker Thomas, on February 10.

We extend Christian sympathy to:

- **The family of Jim & Angie Walker**, at the death of Jim's dad, Dean Walker, on February 16.

Please keep all our military troops in your prayers, especially:

- **Dustin Lambries, Jeremy Stegehuis, Jeff Shuck & Tony Shuck** (Betty Isenga's grandsons), **Edward Peter Tolhurst** (Pat Bird's nephew), **Ben Westrick**

Please keep in your hearts and minds:

- **Our Family at Home members** – Eloise Anderson, Judy Baartman, Crystal Baum, Norma Boss, Dorothy Cook, Helen Dertien, Karin Dykstra, Arlene Jacobitz, Ev Lindhout, Pat Marcusse, Kay Mekkes, Bob & Lois Morehouse, Janet Pofahl, Evelyn Watson, Mary Zomerlei

In case of an emergency and no one is at church you may call Pastors Bud Pratt - 708-302-5645, Matt Cook - 616-893-4189 or consistory vice president Bob Stelma - 616-822-3859, or any of the other elders.

Your current consistory (end of term date)

Elders

Chris Bajema (23)
Mike Cline (22)
Mary Cook (22)
Steve DeVette (24)
Kim Donze (24)
Vicky Hawken (22)
Jan Hodges (23)
Chad Holleman (24)
Sue Plasman (24)
Heidi Smitley (23)
Bob Stelma (23)
Doug Timmer (22)

Deacons

Nicole Clark (22)
Mark Donker (24)
Ron Hasper (24)
Kelly Kievit (22)
Tim Kooima (22)
Abby Kleinheksel (22)
Bryce Lutke (24)
Anne Potyraj (24)
Justin Stadt (23)
Laura VanHekken (23)
Dan Venema (23)
Tony Williams (23)